



Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board

Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes:

- **Introductions**

- Daniel briefly mentioned the new Denver STAR Program and Michele noted similar initiatives in rural areas that may be helpful to explore.

- **Membership Changes**

- Jennifer Pollit Hill joining us from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
- Crista Taylor and Ben Pearlman have left and we will work to fill those open seats

- **Review and Approval of Minutes**

- OCCC, DPSCS Reentry, from Center Harm Reduction presentations from previous meetings are increasingly relevant as overdoses are still a serious concern.

- **Department of Labor Presentation** - Erin Roth with Ellen Brendt

- Office work workforce development houses reentry navigators and 30 american job centers across the state. The Office of Continuing Education houses workforce development and education both inside and outside the walls.
 - Adult basic education and occupational training. 25 programs across the state.
 - Transitional programming to help those who will soon be released. Labor works closely with the reentry teams inside the agency and DPSCS.
 - Maryland Workforce exchange has job seeking tools
- Post pandemic - instructors have all been vaccinated, returning to classrooms in facilities soon. Has been a challenge to provide remote/online learning but has still been able to provide library access and hard copies and collection of education materials.
- Piloting of some tech based programs and making technology investments across the agency to support people remotely
 - Tablet programs - used within the classroom.
- Working with DPSCS to expand to have tablets in every classroom, connect to workforce exchange. Incentives baked into tablets to accrue points. In the

final stages of procurement.

- SB 86- DLR departmental bill to increase education for inmates by expanding number of days inmates engage

- **Member Updates**

- GOCPYVS
 - HB 116 & CIT Center of Excellence
 - Training, ACES
 - Reinvestment Funding
 - Programming: Evidence Based Practices, Reentry, Speciality Courts, Pretrial Services
 - Populations: women, parents, behavioral health, victims
- Workgroups
 - Expungements
 - Focus on non-convictions/favorable dispositions and looking at 'limiting access' rather than expungement as currently defined.
 - Restitution
 - Exploring ways to increase collection and send orders sooner CCU as well as IT, communication and notification improvements.

- **Legislative Update**

- Major issues including police reform, parole reform and a number of expungement bills. Will recap and discuss outcomes at the next meeting.

- **Open Forum**

- NAACP working with LEAP on diversion

- **Closing Thoughts and Next Steps**